

# Shire of Mt Marshall

— THE SANDALWOOD SHIRE —

5 September 2016

## First and FINAL Notice — BUSH FIRES ACT, 1954 (as amended)

### DIARY DATES

#### **19 September 2016**

Restricted Burning Period  
Commences

#### **20 September 2016**

Ordinary meeting of Council @  
3:00pm in Council Chambers

#### **20 September 2016**

Recycling Collection

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Notice to all owners and / or occupiers of land in the Shire of Mt Marshall:

Notice is hereby given to landowners and / or occupiers within the Shire of Mt Marshall that firebreaks must be installed by 1 October and maintained clear of inflammable material up to and including 15 March as per the requirements in relation to Section 33 of the Bush Fires Act 1954.

### Agricultural Land

Clear a firebreak consisting of mineral earth, to a width of no less than 3 metres, as close as practical, inside the external boundaries of the property.

Firebreaks must be maintained to provide a vertical clearance of a minimum 3.5 metres as to allow adequate access for fire appliances.

An approved fire fighting appliance is required to be present in any paddock where crop harvesting, straw raking or hay bailing is being carried out. The fire fighting appliance must be in a state of readiness and have a minimum capacity of 400 litres of water.

Harvesting is permitted on Sundays and all public holidays, with the exception of Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Day.

### Town Sites

All town site lots within the Shire of Mt Marshall shall be cleared of all debris of an inflammable nature and be maintained free of such material.

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## **Fuel Ramps and Depots**

All grass and similar inflammable material to be cleared from areas where drum ramps or bulk fuel are located and where drums, full or empty are stored and such areas are maintained clear of grass and similar inflammable materials.

## **Variation to firebreak notices**

If it is considered to be impracticable for any reason to clear firebreaks or remove inflammable material from land as required by the notice you may apply to Council or its duly authorised officer for permission to provide firebreaks in alternative positions. If permission is not granted by Council or its duly authorised officer, you shall comply with the requirements in this notice.

## **Harvest / Movement of Vehicle Bans**

A ban on harvesting and the movement of vehicles in paddocks may be imposed when the predicted weather conditions are classified by the Bureau of Meteorology as very high or extreme, or when local conditions warrant bans to be applied.

All such bans are at the discretion of the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer or a duly appointed person.

Failure to comply with this notice shall subject the offender to the penalties prescribed in the Bush Fires Act 1954.

If the requirements of this notice are carried out by burning, such burning must be in accordance with relevant provisions of the Bush Fires Act 1954.

Stephen Tindale  
Acting Chief Executive Officer

## **REMINDER - RESTRICTED BURNING PERIOD**

All burning is restricted in the Shire of Mt Marshall from Monday 19 September 2016 to Monday 31 October 2016. During this time a 'permit to burn' is required.

If you need to carry out any burning we suggest you use the cool weather currently persisting to get it done before the permit period starts.





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## 2016/2017 RATES NOTICES AND STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLANNING SURVEYS

The 2016/2017 rates notices will be posted out this week. There will once again be an early bird payment incentive of the chance to win a \$500 Bendigo Bank Account when rates are paid by their due date of 14 October 2016, along with a generous discount of 5% on rates paid by 7 October 2016.



With your rates notice you will receive a survey to provide feed back on the Shire's future Strategic Community Plan. Collection boxes have been placed at both the Bencubbin and Beacon post offices or completed surveys can be emailed to [ronback@inet.net.au](mailto:ronback@inet.net.au).

## EASTERN WHEATBELT BIODIVERSITY GROUP (EWBG)—DECLARED PEST RATE

The Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007 (BAM Act) allows a rate to be raised for the purposes of controlling declared pests in prescribed areas. This rate is known as the Declared Pest Rate (DPR). The DPR has been collected in the pastoral lease areas since the late 1970's. Landholders in the 11 shires comprising the EWBG, including Mt Marshall will receive a declared pest rate notice mid September. The Office of State revenue will be sending rate notices to owners of landholdings of 20 hectares or more. The EWBG, which was formed over 10 years ago, will manage funds raised through the declared pest rate along with matching state funds. The group's main focus will be on wild dog control. If you would like more information please see the flyer in this weeks publication or contact the EWBG Executive Officer - [ewbg@outlook.com](mailto:ewbg@outlook.com) or Chairman, Cyril Smith on 0427 807 043 .

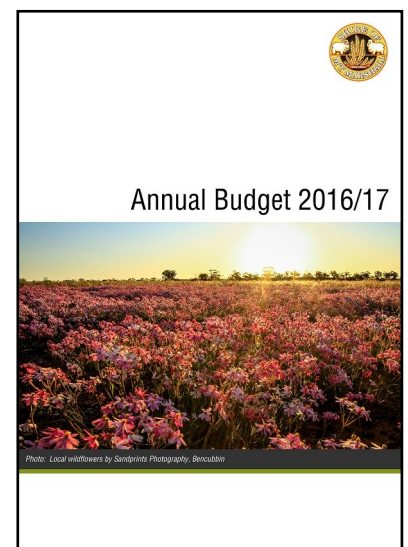
## ANNUAL BUDGET 2016/2017

After the **2015/2016 Annual Budget** was formally adopted by Council at their special meeting of 23 August, we have been busy collating the required documents working towards making them available to Shire staff and the community. Both of the Shire's libraries now have a hard copy available for public perusal. The Budget is also available on our website at: [www.mtmarshall.wa.gov.au/documents/](http://www.mtmarshall.wa.gov.au/documents/)

## SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES 2016/2017

Pursuant to sections 6.16 and 6.17 of the Local Government Act 1995, advice is hereby given that the 2016/2017 Schedule of Fees and Charges was adopted at the special meeting of Council held on 23 August 2016. A copy of the schedule is available from the Shire office or the Shire's website at [www.mtmarshall.wa.gov.au/documents](http://www.mtmarshall.wa.gov.au/documents).

The Schedule of Fees and Charges is effective as of 23 August 2016.





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## **EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST SOUGHT - AGED CARE INDEPENDENT LIVING UNITS**

After announcements that the Central Eastern Aged Care Alliance (CEACA) has been successful in obtaining nearly \$20 million dollars in Royalties for Regions funding, at it's August meeting Council committed \$20,000 per independent living unit (ILU). There will be 3 units delivered in the Shire, being 2 in Bencubbin and 1 in Beacon. The construction of these units is expected to be completed by 2018.

We are now seeking expressions of interest from the Mt Marshall community to occupy the newly constructed ILUs with the prospective tenants preferably being over 55 years of age.

If you would like to register your or a family members interest please contact Morgann at the Shire office on 9685 1202

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